

(f) Contracts for 16.75 lakh MT have been concluded so far, of which a quantity of 5.40 lakh tonnes has arrived in the country. The entire quantity of imported wheat will form part of the Central Pool and be distributed under PDS/RPDS and other Welfare schemes to the States/UTs.

[Translation]

De-Addiction Centres

2578. DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of de-addiction centres established during the last three years in the country;

(b) the details of de-addiction centres established in Madhya Pradesh during the said period;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether certain welfare schemes of Madhya Pradesh are lying pending with the Union Government for approval;

(e) if so, the reasons for the delay in according the same; and

(f) the date by which these schemes are likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) 32 De-addiction Centres were brought under the grant-in-aid Scheme of Prohibition and Drug Abuse Prevention, implemented by this Ministry.

(b) Following two De-addiction Centres in Madhya Pradesh were sanctioned grant under the above Scheme during the said period :

(i) Indian Red Cross Society, Mandsaur.

(ii) Indian School of Social Work, Indore.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) to (f) The Ministry has received proposals from voluntary organisations in Madhya Pradesh for sanction of grant under the above Scheme. The sanction of grant-in-aid for setting up of new De-addiction/Counselling Centres depends upon the need, seriousness of the problem, competence of the Organisation, fulfilment of certain prescribed criteria laid down in the Scheme, availability of funds etc. Hence, it is not possible to indicate any definite time frame by which these proposals will be approved.

Krishi Vigyan Kendras

2579. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of districts still without any Krishi Vigyan Kendras in Maharashtra; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to establish the Krishi Vigyan Kendras in all the remaining districts of the States?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGRICULTURE) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Out of 29 rural districts in Maharashtra State seven districts are still without Krishi Vigyan Kendras. The names of the districts are :

(1) Raigarh (2) Chandarpur (3) Latur (4) Bhandara (5) Gadchiroli (6) Osmanabad and (7) Yavatmal.

(b) A comprehensive plan has been chalked out and taken up with the Planning Commission which covers upgradation of existing Farmers Training Centres to take up the functions of Krishi Vigyan Kendras and establishment of Krishi Vigyan Kendras in the remaining districts of the State.

Committee for Environment Protection

2580. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a high power expert committee for protecting the environment of Maharashtra's Dahanu Taluka has been constituted;

(b) if so, the names of the members and Chairman of the Committee;

(c) the number of the meetings held by this Committee; and

(d) the time bound programme to obtain their Report and implementation thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) and (b) As per the directive of the Supreme Court, the Dahanu Taluka Environment Protection Authority, in the District of Thane, Maharashtra, has been constituted with the following composition :

1. Justice Chandrashekhar Shanke: Chairperson
Dharmadhikari (Retired Judge
of High Court, Mumbai)
2. Director, National Institute of Hydrology, Roorkee, U.P. Member
3. Director, National Institute of Oceanography, Dona Paula, Goa. Member
4. Head of the Botany Department, Mumbai University, Mumbai Member
5. Head, Department of Environmental Engineering, IIT, Mumbai Member
6. Prof. K.B. Jain, Centre for Environmental Planning and Technology, Ahmedabad Member